

# NO SILENCE

(For Trey Johnson)

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I was not afforded silence  
My effeminacy tripped around me  
Washed over me and stated me  
I was not privy to its existence  
Too natural it was in possessing me  
I was not afforded silence  
My mind questioned the insults hurled @ me  
Wondering what made people so uncomfortable  
What was so different about me  
I felt the great difference, but how could they?  
I was not afforded silence  
My movements, my every gesture criticized  
Just like a woman / WALKS / TALKS / SOUNDS  
Just like a woman LOOKS / ACTS / FEELS  
UHHMM — Just like A WOMAN  
I was not afforded silence  
I dared to emulate those who had real strength  
JUST like A WOMAN T.W.  
I WAS NOT Afforded silence

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